**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** May I know what steps have been taken since then ?

**President :** It has been answered already. The Registrar said that the necessary preliminaries have been instituted.

**Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai ;** May I know what those preliminaries are ?

**Mr. M. Govinda Pillai :** An enquiry under Section 34 of the Regulation is a necessary condition precedent to liquidation and that enquiry has been instituted.

*Period of appointment of the Franchise Commissioner.*

9. **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner has been appointed ?

**Mr. T. C. Thommen :** No period has been fixed at present.

**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** May I know whether it has been left to the discretion of the Commissioner to fix the period as he likes ?

**Mr. T. C. Thommen :** No; he has been asked to do a certain work and he has been asked to finish his work as early as possible.

*Recruitment to the provincial staff of teachers.*

10. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state the principles on which recruitment from outside is made to the provincial staff of teachers and also the principles on which some of the fresh hands are made seniors to those who have already put in more than five years of acting service ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** In the interests of efficiency of teaching in schools, recruitment to the general list of Graduate teachers is occasionally made from persons with high academic distinctions. Such persons are not generally ranked above acting Graduate teachers, but only in the order of the dates of their first appointment as acting Graduate teachers.

**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** May I know whether any appointment was made in the Education Department in 1110 superseding the claims of acting hands ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** Yes, Sir, several appointments have been made.

**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** May I know the number of such appointments ?

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**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** About 6.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** May I know, Sir, provided the qualifications are the same, whether a fresh hand has been allowed to supersede an acting hand ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** No, Sir, except in one or two cases, in order to give preference to members of unrepresented communities.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** May I know, Sir, whether it is accepted as part of a principle that even in the case of unrepresented communities supersession should be allowed in the service ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** If there is no member of the unrepresented communities in the seniority list or the waiting list as it is called, such supersession sometimes happens.

**President :** Is it, qualifications being equal ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** Yes, Sir.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** May I know, Sir, whether with reference to other than initial appointments a member of the unrepresented community who is freshly appointed is allowed to supersede the claims of—say an acting teacher who has already bee in the service for a period of five years ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** Yes, Sir. In some cases that is done with a view to provide for members belonging to unrepresented communities.

**Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** May I know, Sir, whether even in the case of well-represented communities such supersessions have been allowed ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** Not when the qualifications are equal. Supersessions have been allowed when people with special academic distinction are preferred.

*Vacancies in the provincial staff of teachers.*

11. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of permanent vacancies at present and also the number of vacancies likely to become permanent before 15-10-1111 in the provincial staff of teachers ?

**Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :** Number at present ... 28
Number likely to become permanent before 15-10-1111 ... 3

**Mr. K. N Kesavan Namputiripad :** May I know why the Government do not confirm them in their places even after such long periods of acting service ?

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